

2005-2006 UCLA/VA FACULTY RESEARCH INTERESTS

Name	Area of interest	Currently funded studies	Databases	Methodologic Skills
Steven Asch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality assessment and improvement Quality of care Infectious disease, public health, palliative care Medical informatics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global measure of quality of care (RWJ) HIV Queri Quality assessment and improvement of HIV care (VA) Family conferencing at the End of Life HIV Rapid (Unihealth) HIV Rapid Testing in Primary Care (VA, CDC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality Indicator Development Medical records review Computerized clinical reminders QI techniques
Lillian Gelberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health status, access to care, and quality of care of vulnerable populations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA County Department of Health Services “Patient Assessment Survey” (LA County DHS) Hepatitis B and C Among Homeless Adults – a probability survey of 500 homeless adults (NIDA) Medical Follow-up and Hepatitis B Community Vaccination Days for Homeless Adults (NIDA, CDC) Homeless Women: Drugs, Alcohol Race/Ethnicity, and Health Care (NIAAA, NIDA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See currently funded studies. AHCPR & RWJ funded “Access to care for homeless women of reproductive age” - a probability survey of 1000 homeless women and 300 medical providers Epidemiology and use of health services for 500 homeless persons regarding hepatitis B and C and HIV; use of services and barriers to care for, physical health, mental health, and substance use; risk behaviors or HIV and hepatitis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sampling and survey design of “difficult to study” populations. Instrument development.
Carol Mangione	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geriatric health services research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIDDK/NIA – Community-based intervention to improve the self-management skills of older minorities with diabetes CDC – Quality of care for older persons with diabetes NIA—The relationship between treatable eye diseases and falls and fractures among elderly women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple databases available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical epidemiologic study design Survey Development Measurement of quality of life among the elderly Diabetes quality of care

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Brian Mittman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theory of healthcare Provider behavior and behavior change Quality Improvement Healthcare Management Guideline Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research-development-implementation “pipeline” within the VA Research synthesis of VA-funded quality improvement studies NIH—Quality and outcomes of generalist vs. specialist care for rheumatoid arthritis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Survey of Physician knowledge, attitudes, practices in various clinical areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social/behavioral science theory Qualitative methods Qualitative research synthesis Process evaluation
Lisa Rubenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving care for depression in primary care Healthcare provider behavior Quality of care Quality of life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIMH and VA studies on implementing improved depression care in primary care VA-HSR&D - study of organization of primary care in VA and its outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depression in VA & Kaiser Depression in national sample of prepaid practices National VA patient satisfaction, prevention practices, utilization, practice organization Experiences of violence/trauma in male & female vets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translating research into practice, implementation research Quality of care assessment, structured implicit review Quality improvement
Mark Schuster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based participatory research on adolescent health, with a special emphasis on projects that involve parents of adolescents child and adolescent health policy Quality Improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIH - Worksite-Based Parenting Program for Parents of Adolescent CDC - Healthy Passages: A Community-Based Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health National Institute of Child Health and Human Development - Children with HIV-Infected Parents CDC - UCLA/RAND Center for Adolescent Health Promotion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social/behavioral science theory Qualitative methods Process Evaluation
Martin Shapiro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to care HIV 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHCPR and other agencies - HIV cost and services utilization (HCSUS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIV Outcome Study HCSUS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey research and design Sampling
Paul Shekelle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quality of care Quality measurement Evidence-based medicine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AHCPR - So. Calif. evidence-based practice center 2004-2005 projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congestive heart failure “Sustainable Growth Rate Factor Assessment” “Efficacy & safety of ephedra” “Quality assessment of observational studies” Pharmacologic and surgical treatment of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Literature synthesis Meta-analysis Quality indicator development

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Donna Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to care, Health disparities, Women's Health, Emergency department & ambulatory care utilization, VA healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women veterans ambulatory care use • Impact of VA women's healthcare delivery models on quality of care • Homeless women veterans • Racial/ethnic variations in quality of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative data • Southern California and southern Nevada samples of male (n=3200) and female (n=2100) veterans with VA and non-VA utilization • National VA sample on health status & health care utilization • Public hospital emergency department cohort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey design/ methods • Sampling “difficult to study” populations • Qualitative methods
Neil Wenger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical ethics • End of life decisions • MD-patient relationship • Quality of geriatric care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pfizer-Assessing care for the vulnerable elders • Ethics Center clinical ethics interventions • End of life care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUPPORT • HELP (Hospitalized Elderly Longitudinal Project) • ACOVE 1 and 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethical analysis • Survey development
Mitch Wong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial/ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health and outcomes • Bias and discrimination • Disparities in HIV care and outcomes • Patient preferences for care • Coordination of primary and specialty care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K08 award from NIA to examine the disease pathways that contribute to racial/ethnic disparities in life expectancy • Pfizer Faculty Development Award in Epidemiology to examine the relationship between disease risk factors and race and its impact on disparities in life expectancy • HRSA Outreach Study to examine the impact of an enhanced case management intervention on use of HIV care and HIV outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Health Interview Survey • NHANES I-III • SEER • SEER-Medicare • HCSUS • Longitudinal study on aging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large dataset analysis • Linear, logistic regression, survival analysis • Simulation modeling • Hierarchical models

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Elizabeth Yano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care epidemiology • Health care organizations, primary care practice, performance/outcomes • Health systems interventions • Women's health quality of care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influence of practice organization on women's quality of care • Organizational and patient-level variations in colorectal cancer screening rates • National assessment of VA clinical practice organization, including health information technology, QI interventions, care management, etc. • Evaluation of structural integration of primary care and mental health (focused on depression) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National VA clinical practice organizational surveys (1993, 1996, 1999, 2005; HIV org 2000; women's health 2001) • National VA samples on chronic disease quality, prevention, patient satisfaction, utilization • Smoking cessation trial data (site surveys, provider surveys, patient surveys at baseline, 12- and 18-month waves) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health care epidemiology • Organizational research • Program evaluation • Survey design/methods • Large database analysis
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